

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

C.S.H.B. 4244  
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Committee Report (Substituted)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

It has been noted that, as a condition of community supervision, a judge may order a defendant to make a donation to some charities instead of requiring the defendant to work at a community service project. It has been suggested, however, that more charitable organizations should be eligible to receive such donations. C.S.H.B. 4244 seeks to address this issue by including among those organizations a charity engaged primarily in performing charitable functions for defendants under community supervision in the community in which the defendant resides.

### **CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

### **ANALYSIS**

C.S.H.B. 4244 amends the Code of Criminal Procedure to include among the organizations to which a judge is authorized to order a defendant to make a specified donation as an alternative to requiring the defendant to work a specified number of hours at one or more community service projects as a condition of community supervision a charitable organization engaged primarily in performing charitable functions in the community in which the defendant resides for defendants under community supervision.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

September 1, 2019.

### **COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL AND SUBSTITUTE**

C.S.H.B. 4244 differs from the original only by including a council draft number in the footer.